

Work Commenced on Yesterday—The
Superintending Architect and As-

**Assistant City Engineer Murray
Drive Stakes and Break
Ground—The Ground Plan
of the Building Laid Off.**

It having been announced in the APPEAL of Sunday morning that work would commence on the customhouse on Monday morning, by daylight on Monday five hundred colored men were found congregated in front of the customhouse building, on Madison street. They kept rushing up to General Smith's office for hours, because they were informed or believed that Mr. George H.

Negroes from Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas were present, all eager to work for

the government at big wages. Darkies came in from the plantations, abandoned their crops, and were most anxious to go to work on the bluff. A few whites mixed in with the crowd, and they, too, were in the ranks of the workers. One of the "dicks," Mr. Pease, who had employed some fifty or twenty laborers, appeared on the bluff, and soon was surrounded by hundreds of work-seekers. Assistant City Engineer Murray ran off the lines of the custohouse, and established the center stake in front of the middle of Madison street, which the custohouse will front. Five laborers were employed in the clearing and grubbing, and the work was hauled off and dumped on another portion of the

customhouse lot immediately, and keep out spectators who have not obtained the necessary permits. The work of execution will be

be compensated. The work of excavation will be done primarily by hand, and the large number of laborers to be employed. Several minor positions will have to be filled by the superintendent as the work progresses. He has already appointed E. E. Tobey as time-keeper, and Thomas D. Eldridge as clerk. The appropriation made by congress for the building already amounts to one hundred and ten thousand dollars, and nearly one hundred thousand is already in bank for the purchase of the site. The plans and drawings of the proposed customhouse can be seen at the cotton exchange. It presents a fine appearance, and in an architectural point of view, will be the chief ornament of the city when

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